REMARKS

Claims 1-24 remain in the application. Claims 1-24 have been rejected. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended at line 12, to read that "one or more of" said blocks contain an object description. Support is found in the original specification at lines 12-15. Claim 1 has also been amended at lines 14, 15, and 17 to state that "creating a <u>new</u> object" and ...saving a new address of said <u>new</u> object..." and ..."referenced by the ~~newly created~~ <u>new</u> object..." Also the step of determining said new addresses, now refers to <u>objects</u> instead of "said new object."

With respect to claim 1 the Examiner concluded that an object description is associated with each block. That is not always true. Page 10 of the applicant's specification states "The blocks are used to keep a representation of an object. However, the representation of an object might be kept in more than one block, but at least one block is used to keep a representations [sic] of an object." This is reflected in the amendment to step of retrieving the second list form persistent storage.

The Examiner pointed out that in the step of "determining said new address" the limitation the newly-created object lacks antecedent. Thus, the claim was amended to read <u>new</u> object.

In claim 14, in the step of "creating an object description" the Examiner notes that "the particular reference" lacks antecedent. Claim 14 has been amended to recite "creating a first object description." The step of "determining the address of another object" has been amended to read "determining the address of a second object." The term "the particular reference" has been amended to read "a particular reference."
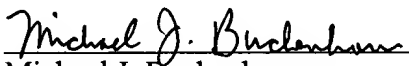
The Examiner states "the sequence of the operations described in this claim indicates that the object description is newly created , yet the second list already contains the reference to said object description." That statement is not correct. Applicant's specification states at page 13, line 11 that "whenever a new object is created, an object description is created as well."

The Examiner states that in claim 14 the step of "setting the address of said respective object description" lacks antecedent basis." Claim 14 has been amended to state "setting an address of said second object description."

In claim 24 the step of "creating an object description" the term "the particular reference" has been amended to read: "a particular reference." The Examiner, as in claim 14 concludes that the sequence of the operations described in this claim indicates that the object description is newly created , yet the second list already contains the reference to said object description." Applicant refers to page 13, line 11 of the specification. The determination of an address for the new object has been added.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment and allowance of the pending claims.

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